carried on. To afford facilities to the trade, a railway may be constructed connecting Santemarahalli with Nanjangud, Chamrajnagar and T.-Narasipur.

Reply of Government.—(1) The Government of India have been addressed in the matter.

(2) Necessary. Will be considered.

(3) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 264.

Extension of Malnad Improvement Scheme to Heggaddevankote taluk.

Mr. C. Narasimhayya, Heggaddevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Heggaddevankote taluk which has many points in common with Malnad may be brought under the operation of the Malnad Improvement Scheme.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 265.

Free-grazing in State Forests in Gundlupet taluk.

Mr. Chennabasappa, Gundlupet taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats of the taluk were put to much inconvenience for want of fodder on account of last year's scanty rainfall. It is learnt that persons paying a land revenue of not less than Rs. 10 are allowed the privilege of grazing up to a limit of seven head of cattle. The privilege of free-grazing may be extended to all the raiyats of the taluk, irrespective of the amount of assessment paid by them.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 266.

An English High School and a students' hostel at Nanjangud.

Mr. A. Rama Rao, Nanjangud Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Kannada High School at Nanjangud may be converted into an English High School and a students' hostel ordered to be constructed thereat.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary at present.

SUBJECT No. 267.

Improvement of Seringapatam and Ganjam.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, and V. Rangasamiengar, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To bring about effective improvement of the towns of Ganjam and Seringapatam, the following measures are suggested:—

(1) Transfer of offices from French Rocks to Seringapatam.

(2) Improvement of the present dirty and unhealthy sites, demolition of insanitary houses and grant of facilities for building houses in other localities.

(3) Introduction of industries.

(4) Improvement of water-supply.

(5) Improvement of drainage so as to lead the sewage water to some place outside the town.

The population is decreasing gradually and no sympathy is shown by the local officers in the matter of improvement of the town. Some of the principal offices may be transferred to this place from French Rocks. No whole-hearted effort for improvement will be made unless the President of the Municipality is required to reside in the place. The wet cultivation very near the town is the cause of insanitation of the town and as a compensation for this a portion of the land revenue may be

assigned for municipal purposes. Thechief desideratum is the execution of the drainage scheme which is very urgently required.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 268.

Waiting-rooms for ladies in the Seringapatam railway station.

Mr. V. Rangasamiengar, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the Seringapatam railway station, there is, at present, only a small waiting-room (15 feet square) for 1st class passengers. Mostly European passengers who come to visit this place of historical interest occupy the room. A separate waiting-room for the 1st and 2nd class Indian passengers and ladies may be orderd to be constructed.

Reply of Government.—The Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company will be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 269.

Adequate supply of water for sugar-cane cultivation.

Mr. M. D. Narasimha Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that an extra tax of Rs. 5 per acre will be levied on every acre of wet land used for sugar-cane cultivation. As it is, a municipal tax of more than Rs. 20 is paid upon jaggery produced from sugar-cane grown on an acre of land. If this tax is removed, there will be very little objection to the extra tax referred to.

Not only is the usual water allowed monthly for sugar-cane cultivation for six or seven miles in most of the channels such as Ramaswamy and others entirely stopped, but even the water that was escaping from the crevices of the doors of the sluices of the Ramaswamy channel is also checked by putting an embankment across the channel. The usual supply may kindly be allowed to be continued till the question of taxation is settled.

Reply of Government.—This year, water will be allowed as usual.

SUBJECT No. 270.

A third class waiting-room in the French Rocks Railway Station.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry, Krishnarajpete taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 271.

(*a*) Restoration of Hiduva breached tank.

(*b*) Restoration of Anchechikkanahalli-Hoskere tank.

(*a*) Mr. Gundappa, Nagamangala taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Venkatramiah, Nagamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The breached tank of Hiduva has an atchkat of about 1,000 acres. As it is not restored, about 20 villages round about are suffering from want of irrigational facilities and from frequent water scarcity. All these villages will thrive, if the tank is taken up and restored early.

(*b*) This taluk is a maidan one. The rainfall is comparatively small. Consequently there is an ever present scarcity of water-supply in this taluk. The restoration of the Ahchechikkanahalli-Hoskere breached tank which has got a good catchment may be taken up urgently.